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ALTHOUGH PURPOSE FEBRUARY 6 PRESS CONFERENCE CONCERNING US "SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES" IN SOVIET UNION BELIEVED TO BE PRIMARILY TO SUPPORT SOVIET UN RESOLUTION THIS SUBJECT WILL DOMESTIC OVERTONES LESS OBVIOUS CONSIDERATION MAY BE COROLLARY ASSISTANCE GIVEN SOVIET REDEFECTON CAMPAIGN. THUS THREE OF FOUR "AGENTS" (N. I. YAKUTY, M. P. KUDRIAVTSEV, A. M. NOVIKOW) STRESSED VOLUNTARY SURRENDER TO STATE SECURITY ORGANS AFTER HAVING SEEN WITH OWN EYES HOW FAR LIVING STANDARDS, POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION IN USSR EXCEEDED WHAT HAD BEEN LED TO EXPECT IN WEST. ALL FOUR MEN EMPHASIZED THAT INSTEAD OF BEING, AS HAD EXPECTED, SHOT OR TORTURED BY SOVIET ORGANS, THEY WERE "HUMANELY TREATED", OFFERED OPPORTUNITY REDEEM "SINS TO FATHERLAND" THROUGH PERIOD OF FORCED LABOR, EXILE, OR IN ONE CASE COOPERATION WITH SOVIET COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE RIGHT UP TO TIME OF PRESS CONFERENCE. (PRESS CHIEF ILYCHEV ASSERTED THAT NTS ORGAN POSSEV, IN CLAIMING THAT THREE ABOVE-NAMED "AGENTS" EXECUTED, AIMED TO FRIGHTEN OTHER AGENTS RECRUITED FOR SUBVERSIVE WORK SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT "FOLLOW EXAMPLE OF SURRENDERING TO SOVIET ORGANS.") HAVING THUS VARIOUSLY REDEEMED SINS, THREE WITNESSES MADE MUCH OF THEIR PRESENT CONTENTED STATUS IN USSR, EARNING COMFORTABLE SALARIES IN OWN SPECIALTIES, HAPPILY MARRIED, BUSILY PRODUCING CHILDREN.

SUCH COMMENTS, WHILE MANIFESTLY IRRELEVANT TO CHARGE OF US SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY, SEEM DIRECTED AT EMIGRE ORGANIZATIONS IN WEST, PARTICULARLY MOST MILITANT GROUP, NTS. NOTEWORTHY THIS CONNECTION THAT YAKUTY, KUDRIAVTSEV, NOVIKOV ASCRIBED ORIGINAL CONTACT AND RECRUITING FOR SUBVERSIVE PURPOSES TO EMIGRES BOLDYREV, BAIDALAKOV, ZHEDELYAGIN, FIRST TWO OF WHOM KNOWN TO EMBASSY AS NTS MEMBERS, AND DESCRIBED INITIAL TRAINING AND INDOCTRINATION BY CHIEF NTS OPERATIVE STAFF, OKOLOVICH, AND UNDER AUSPICES NTS RESEARCH INSTITUTE BAD HOMBURG.

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